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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
For Kris Balaji, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: FY 2002/03 FSTIP Amendment No. 4 – Madera County Transportation
Commission (MCTC)

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 4 to the Local Highway and Transit Elements of the MCTC's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated December 13, 2002. The MCTC adopted this amendment with Resolution No. 02-06, on October 23, 2002, approving these program modifications.

This amendment was requested to modify or add various projects in Madera County with funding from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program, and State and Local funds. Projects include construction of pedestrian facilities, purchase of CNG vehicles, signal coordination and replacing inadvertently omitted planning/programming and monitoring funding.

The MCTC requests that the following projects be withdrawn from the amendment:

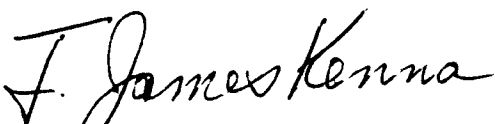
- Operating assistance for fixed-route transit system (MPO ID: MAD202030); and
- Purchase one paratransit replacement vehicle (MPO ID: MAD202022).


With projects withdrawn as noted above, we accept this amendment in accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR Part 450. We find that this amendment was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. section 134, and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. app. §1607). The changes made to the MCTC FTIP by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed. We therefore find that this FTIP conforms to the applicable SIP. This finding has been coordinated with the Region IX office of the Environmental Protection Agency.

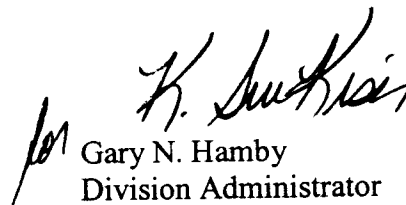
This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of the MCTC's FTIP Amendment No. 4 into California's 2002/03 – 2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).


Furthermore, this approval is made with the understanding that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding approval on individual projects contained in the FSTIP is subject to the grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.

Sincerely,

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